

MINUTES OF BRANDSBY-CUM-STEARSBY ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD IN CHOLMELEY HALL ON 3 JUNE 2014 AT 7.30PM

Present: Mr R Pearce (Chairman)
Mr J Ward
Mr R Machin
Mr J Eglinton
The Clerk

Mrs C Patmore NYCC, Mrs C Cookman and one member of the public was present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr R Pearson-Adams

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Mr Pearce was nominated as Chairman by Mr Ward and seconded by Mr Eglinton. Mr Pearce was duly elected a Chairperson for the coming year. Mr Pearce advised that he would not be standing as a Parish Councillor at the next election.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2014

The Minutes having been circulated to the councillors prior to the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Hedge and verge cutting in the village

As Mr Ian Craggs had done a satisfactory job on the hedges and verges it was agreed to engage him again this year. The Clerk would send out the letters in due course.

4.2 HDC – Minerals Waste Joint Planning meeting – Mr John Ward attended the meeting.

4.3 Brandsby Village sign

At the last meeting Mr Machin asked whether it would be possible to move the Brandsby village sign and the 30 mph sign from near Home Farm to beyond the church. Although Mrs Patmore had enquired she had not had an answer but she did not think NYCC would move the signs but she would ask the question again.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications have been received from HDC:-

- a. PROPOSAL: Reinstating a historic farm track
LOCATION: Low Farm, Brandsby
APPLICANT: F Machin & Sons

BPC approved this application

- b. PROPOSAL: Single storey extension to existing garage to form store
LOCATION: Stearsby Lodge, Stearsby
APPLICANT: Mrs Gilbert

BPC approved this application

- c. PROPOSAL: Change of use of agricultural land to domestic and the erection of an outbuilding to replace the timber sheds.
LOCATION: 2 Woodside, Brandsby
APPLICANT: Mark Wright

BPC response:

1. Brandsby Parish Council is opposed to plans for the sighting of this building in the middle of the field.
2. There are no dimensions on the plans.
3. The field is in an area of Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
4. The council rejects the use of agricultural land to domestic.
5. The Parish Council would not object to a new shed in the existing position on the same foot print.

6. FINANCE

The balance of the current account as at 21 May 2014 - £3,097.34

Cheques debited since the last meeting: - NONE

Credits received since the last meeting: -

30 Apr 14	HDC ½ Precept	£750.00
20 May 14	Field Rents & Parking	£225.00

The Auditors Report was confirmed as correct by the councillors and the Chairman signed the Governance Statement. The yearly Accounts were examined and signed by the Chairman. The petty cash book was examined and signed by the Chairman and all cheque books, paying in book, statements etc were available for inspection by the councillors.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Howardian Hills AONB – Design Guidance- New Agricultural Buildings infrastructure booklet received – handed to Mr Pearce.

7.2 HDC – The first half of the precept for £750 has been received.

7.3 The Rural Services Network -Invitation to take part in Rural Sounding Board – survey – The councillors decided not to take part.

7.4 NYCC – Tour de France – Details of route and road closures with more information online.

7.5 NYCC – Highways – Due to severe financial pressure the grass verges in 2015 will not be cut. Arrangements will be made with our contractor Mr Craggs to cut these.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Kissing gates – The kissing gate near the Cholmeley Hall and the gate at the end of the wood leading to Mr Machin's field are in need of repair. As NYCC are unlikely to repair these it was agreed that Mr Richard Ward would mend/replace these gates at the expense of Brandsby Parish Council.

8.2 Report from NYCC by Mrs Patmore

See attached.

8.3 Mrs Patmore and Mrs Cookman were thanked for all the work they do on behalf of Brandsby Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 9.30.

Chairman.....

Date.....

